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INTRODUCTION

I have been quite amazed at the goodness of God in my life and find it that it is necessary for all of us to get to know much about it with a lot of appreciation in our daily lives. As the Creator of Heaven and Earth it is but most wonderful.

If you read the Holy Bible you will be shocked by His goodness (Psalms 31:19).

I do wonder that if God our Creator was not all that good how could our life be now, as we fell from His grace right at creation at a very early stage in life! (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-3:1-13). Surely, surely God's goodness cannot be fathomed.

In a nutshell goodness is God's nature as goodness is the fruit of His spirit (Galatians 5:22).

What I have come up with in this book is not all but just some of God's goodness. I hope that you will find it quite interesting. Be blessed as you read it in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Chapter 1

A glimpse at God's goodness

In my introduction I said that goodness is God's nature as it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and as we know God is a Spirit (John 4:24). Now in this opening chapter I am going to give you a glimpse of God's goodness from the Scripture.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

Nahum 1:7-8

The Lord is good and we just have to trust in him.

REJOICE in **the Lord**, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He **loveth righteousness** and judgment: **the earth is full of the goodness of God.**

Psalm 33:1-5

The Lord God is so good to the extent that the whole earth is full of his goodness because that is his pleasure in doing righteousness.

Thou, **O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance,** when it was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, **O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.**

Psalm 68:9-10

Are you part of God's congregation or is poor? Then be ready to receive the goodness of God.

O GIVE thanks unto **the Lord**; for he is **good**: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 136:1

O taste and see that **the LORD is good**:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: **for there is
no want to them that fear him.**

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
but they that seek the LORD shall not want
any good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10

Fear God and you will not lack as you
continue trusting in him.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, **O
LORD**, according unto thy word.

Teach me good judgement and knowledge:
for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now
have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me
thy statutes.

Psalm 119:65-68

The Lord does good as he is good that being his very nature.

TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart

Psalm 73:1

The requirement is to have a clean heart to experience God's goodness.

I will extol thee, **my God, O king:** and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And **men** shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

Psalm 145:1-7

Because God is a great God, so his acts are mighty and glorious making his goodness to be great among men and who are obligated to extol, bless and praise him with much appreciation.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath

prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Love God in Christ Jesus and for sure you
will be much surprised with what he has for
you in store in due time

Chapter 2

God's love

In this chapter I am going to touch on the Love of God which is unique in nature as it outshines other forms of Love. God's love is Agape (Greek) love. God demonstrated that love through his Son Jesus Christ as the following scriptures record.

Greater lover hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:14-16

In this was manifested the love of God, toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

The above scriptures tell it all that God has so great love for mankind and has offered

through Christ Jesus his Son eternal life in heaven.

It is unbelievably mighty and I hope no one in his right mind will not grab it at the earliest opportunity as will be no such an offer in one's lifetime from any quarter.

WHEN the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them:

Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods:

so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh King of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:1-8

The above is still God's love in action on the Israelites and by extension shows now to other people as well.

Happy is he that hath **the God of Jacob** for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.

Which **executeth judgement for the oppressed:** which **giveth food to the hungry.** the Lord **looseth the prisoners:**

The Lord **openeth the eyes of the blind:** the Lord **raiseth them that are bowed down:** the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord **preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow:** but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Psalm 146:5-9

Now look at the above scripture and you just see God's love in yet another big way. True love is lacking in the world but God has it in absolute abundance or else we would not be

alive now as would have perished long time ago.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, **and the great goodness**, toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving - kindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Savior.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: **in his love** and in his pity **he redeemed them**; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 63:7-9

God's goodness is seen also in his love towards mankind.

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead
in trespasses and sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to
the course of this world, according to the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit that
now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our
conversation in times past in the lusts of our
flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of
the mind; and were by nature the children of
wrath, even as others.

But **God, who is rich in mercy, for his great
love wherewith he loved us,**

Even when we were dead in sins, **hath
quicken us together with Christ** (by grace
ye are saved;)

**And hath raised us up together, and made
us sit together in heavenly places in Christ
Jesus:**

That in the ages to come he might show the
exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness
toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-7

By repentance and putting one's faith in Christ Jesus God makes one sit in heavenly places and what a privilege that is!
If you thought that is all read on.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:1

By faith as I said earlier one now becomes the son of God (1 John 5:1, 15, 16).

Chapter 3

God's peace

God's goodness is found in his peace and which is lacking in many people's lives including even the rich and wealthy and with the leaders ofcourse. Let us look at the scriptures:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

Jesus Christ told his disciples that he leaves to them his own peace and not that of the world because in the world there is no real peace (Revelation 12:7-12). Ever since Lucifer (Satan) was cast out of heaven into the earth there has been no peace and now real peace can only come from God the Creator of heaven and earth and that is why the Scripture say that he is the Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6) when the prophet Isaiah prophesised on the

coming of the Messiah who was to come into the world and truly he came at the right time of God and brought with him the peace which all mankind were yearning for. Through his redemption comes packed with the peace of God. Only the redeemed of God have it and it is free and to everyone that wills-wants to be converted to Christ Jesus as one's Lord and Saviour.

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:1-3

You don't have to wait until the Millennium rule of Jesus Christ but you can have that peace now if you repent of your sins to God and ask Jesus Christ his Son to save you,

because peace is a reserve of only the redeemed of the Lord, he being the Prince of peace.

For **the kingdom of God is** not meat and drinks; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

Romans 14:17

Very true indeed. The kingdom of God is not physical but spiritual. When one is redeemed by the Lord one has the Lord in one's life through the indwelling Holy Spirit who now gives the peace and joy as well as enabling one to live a holy and righteous life. So what the world needs most is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Redeemer and the consolation of Israel (Luke 2:21-32).

Great peace have they which love thy law:
and nothing shall offend them.

Psalms 119:165

Love God's laws (commandments) and you'll get great peace. To love it is to do it as love is

active and not passive (John 14:15, 1 John 3:18).

The LORD will give strength unto his people;
the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

The Lord is the Prince of peace and we all need him for our peace. If we have not God in us we lack real peace. No wonder the wicked flee unnecessarily whereas the righteous are bold as a lion. The former has no peace but the latter has peace (the peace of God from the King of kings and the Lord of lords - The Lion of the tribe of Judah).

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of

promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in **Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he **is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh,

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Ephesians 2:12-18

Only Jesus Christ is our peace if we believe and trust in him who is still being preached the world over to date by his ministers (John

1:6-12, Acts 2:36-42; 4:1-20, Romans 1:14-17) and it all began to spread further after the ascension of the Lord and just as he had commanded his disciples (Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:9-20, Luke 24:36-53).

Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7

True peace which is real peace comes only from God and is unique and passes all understanding, how wonderful it is!

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Jesus Christ is the Prince (Lord) of peace and there is no other believe me.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossae: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:1-2

Peace comes only from the Trinity of God, that is, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That is why I said earlier that without God in one there is no peace at all.

Chapter 4

God's faithfulness

Faithfulness is another good feature found in God and which make him the most dependable being both in heaven and on earth as we also are going to see in the Scripture.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgements, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

Deuteronomy 7:9-12

God is so serious on being faithful such that he is ready to be so for a thousand generations and that is a very, very long period of time for from Abraham to David is only fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are only fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are only fourteen generations - a total of only forty two generations (Matthew 1:17). Now if we compare with a thousand generations it is but a whole mankind's lifetime!

And it was so, that when **Solomon** had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

And he **stood**, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, **saying**,

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

1 Kings 8:54-56

All that God promised to the Israelites by his servant Moses he fulfilled all of them. God does not mince his words and says what he means. If you depend on God you will not be disappointed as he is more than dependable.

All people can be liars but not God, never and never and never (1 John 5:9-12, 2 Samuel 22:31) read on.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Psalms 36:5

God's faithfulness is far and wide it reaches all the three heavens (God dwelling place in the third heaven to the clouds which is the atmospheric area above and which is the first heaven).

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: **with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.**

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

Psalm 89:1

As I said above, God's faithfulness transverse the three heavens as is corroborated now in the above scripture that he shall establish it in the very heavens (not one heaven but many heavens). The Psalmist says that he would make known the faithfulness of God to all generations meaning it was of such a weight worth mentioning to all people on the earth.

Please do remember that unfaithfulness is one thing that has broken many marriages or left them on a sore note, has broken many associations and friendships, has made many employees to be dismissed from employment, and the list continues and that alone shows us how important faithfulness is in life. I thank

God that he leads all beings in faithfulness and has therefore the capability to make those who have him in their lives to be also faithful in life. Examples of such people are the likes of Noah, Abraham, Job, Samuel, Moses among others which you can read in my other book entitled ‘The faithful of God’.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

Born again Christians are admonished to hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering because God who called them is faithful and that they need to continue living doing the needful as they await the coming of

their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the Lord of glory.

Wherefore **Let them that suffer** according to the will of God **commit** the keeping of **their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.**

1 Peter 4:19

God our Creator is faithful and if we commit out souls to him we will be well assured of it being safely preserved for our eternity in heaven.

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

But **the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you,** and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Only the Lord God can make one to stand in life for he is faithful in all that he does, bringing everything to their logical conclusion.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be into you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

And from **Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4-5

Jesus Christ as the Son of God is the faithful witness as he is from God the Father whose faithfulness reaches the clouds and is to a thousand generations.

And, **I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and true,** and in righteousness doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:11-13

That is Jesus Christ that the beloved disciple (apostle John) saw in a vision revealed to him by God to be told to the Church of Christ globally to be aware of the coming event in God's calendar after her being captured into heaven.

Chapter 5

God's grace

Now if there is something that can sustain one in life in the Christian walk it is grace. The grace of God is equally very important just as other virtues of God as even the salvation of mankind is just by God's grace. God's goodness therefore is also evident in his grace at work. Now let us navigate through the oracles of God.

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God

came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowl of the air; for it repented me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:1-9

Grace is very important in our lives and can only come from God the Creator. We find in the above scripture that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Now comes a very fundamental question which is, 'why did Noah find grace and not any other person in those generations?' the answer is in the very scripture which is that he was the only one at the time that pleased God as he was just and perfect.

It follows therefore that righteousness coming out of the fear of the Lord attracts God's grace in one's life, save for salvation which is solely by that grace of God and one's faith minus (without) one's works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Please do note that by God's grace Noah was saved with his family, from the floods (Genesis 6:10-8:1-22).

If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

Then he is gracious unto him, and saith,
Deliver him from going down to the pit: I
have found a ransom.

His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he
shall return to the days of his youth:

He shall pray unto God, and he will be
favourable unto him: and he shall see his face
with joy: for he will render unto man his
righteousness.

Job 33:23-26

God gives grace to the righteous as he did to
Noah and by extension his family which was
part of him of course. So Noah and his family
did not go into the pit perishing by the waters
of the flood that came upon the face of the
whole earth when God judged the earth
(mankind) (Hebrews 11:7). Please note that
one can only be righteous by the faith in
Christ Jesus and not on one's own (Isaiah
64:6-7).

And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt sent with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight show me now thy way, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people, have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

And **the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.**

Exodus 33:12-17

Moses God's servant must have realized how important the grace of God was, for he insisted that God go with him and the Israelites or else they don't venture to go as he knew if they have God with them on the way to the promised land Canaan, then they have grace as God only gives grace (1 Peter 5:5). Without God's grace in one's life one cannot achieve much as grace gives one vigour in life.

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord.

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem: **and they set forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.**

Who, when came, that he should and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Acts 11:19-23

Those disciples of Christ who were scattered as a result of persecutions in spreading the gospel of Christ were only kept by God's grace (the hand of the Lord verse 21) which enabled them to persevere and to continue in fulfilling the great commission of the Lord proclaiming the good news and that grace of God with them made many to have faith in the Lord and to be saved (as one is saved only by the grace of God and one's faith in God, in the Lord that is).

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I

have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

1 Corinthians 3:10

Even apostle Paul acknowledged to the church at Corinth that he received grace from God to enable him minister the gospel of Christ to people. So God's grace is great and does great work in life.

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but **by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world**, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2 Corinthians 1:12

One can live a righteous life only by the grace of God.

For **the grace of God that bringeth salvation** hath appeared to all men.

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should **live soberly, righteously, and godly**, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

Something to note with much appreciation is that the Lord gives us his grace to motivate us to live a holy and a righteous life here on earth in order to qualify and be found in heaven with him for eternity. So the grace of God should not be abused but used for one's entry into heaven.

Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which

ye shall no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them persuaded them to **continue in the grace of God.**

Acts 13:40-43

There is need to continue in the grace of God once one has received it just as apostle Paul and Barnabas advised those people that followed them being zealous to hear the word of the Lord. If we don't, there is a consequence and a bad one indeed! (Hebrews 10:26-31, 2 Peter 2:20-22).

For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but **I laboured more abundantly** than they all: **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

Apostle Paul says above that he laboured more in ministry work than all the apostles, yet not him alone as a person but by the grace of God in him. He very much appreciates God's salvation by grace, as he admits he was a persecutor of the body of Christ and yet by God's grace he got the salvation of God. Elsewhere he admits that he was actually a chief sinner before his conversion to Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 1:12-15).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birth right.

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Hebrews 12:14-17

In the above scripture it is clear that bitterness makes one fall short of God's grace and therefore should be avoided at all cost as it also results in defilement in life.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

WE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2

The grace of God should not be squandered but used for returning back to God in genuine repentance.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores.

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in the flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, and now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luke 16:19-25

One need to know that even riches and wealth comes from the Lord and is God's grace and should be used wisely as well as maintaining holy and righteous life so that one does not fail entry into heaven by being preoccupied by them as the rich man above or Esau who valued one meal more than his birth right (Genesis 25:27-34, Hebrews 12:14-17). We all need to know that there is a time of reckoning when there will be no time come for repentance as grace will not be there by

then (1 Corinthians 3:11-15, Revelation 20:11-15). That is why Christians are encouraged in the Scripture to hold fast to that which is eternal (spiritual) which they have (Revelation 2:25; 3:11; 22:7).

Chapter 6

God's favour

God's favour also shows God's goodness and too makes a difference in one's life.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

And she again bare his brother Abel. and Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought offering to the LORD.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Genesis 4:1-4

We do see in the above scripture that the Lord had respect unto Abel as well as to his offering. Now that is God's favour upon his life. God is the one that can make one to receive acceptance from another person and

without God's favour there is only rejection (Esther 2).

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

For **whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.**

Proverbs 8:32-35

One needs to find God and keep his ways in order to obtain the favour of the Lord. Remember Esther (Esther 2) and also the Hebrew boys as is recorded below.

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of princes;

Children in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Han-a-ni'-ah, Mishaël, and Azariah.

Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishaël of Meshach; and to Azariah of Abed-nego.

But **Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the potion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:** therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now **God** had brought **Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.**

Daniel 1:1-9

God gave Daniel his favour because Daniel was keeping the ways of God by not wanting to defile himself with the king's portion. Daniel knew he belonged to a peculiar people, the people of the God of Israel and wanted to live a separated life. So the prince of the

eunuchs granted his request and God made them with the other Hebrew boys to be healthier and better than those that were feeding from the king's daily portion (verses 10 to 20).

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, name Nazareth,

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-35

Mary who was a virgin also received the favour of God among the women at Nazareth by being honoured to be the biological mother of Jesus in a mysterious way as she was to conceive in her womb by only being filled

with the Holy Spirit. Another classical example is the case of Joseph (Genesis 39).

A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord:

but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
A man shall not be established by
wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall
not be moved.

Proverbs 12:2-3

From that scripture we find that righteousness
is a requirement in getting the Lord's favour.

Chapter 7

God's mercy

God also shows mercy to people at his discretion and that too is God's goodness. Let us now look at some scriptures on the same.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for **his mercy endureth for ever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of Lords: for **his mercy endureth for ever.**

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for **his mercy endureth for ever.**

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: **for his mercy endureth for ever.**

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: **for his mercy endureth for ever.**

To him that made great lights: for **his mercy endureth for ever**

Psalm 136:1-7

God is ever merciful as we see in the above scripture because his mercies endure throughout the ages (for ever).

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The **Lord is merciful** and gracious, slow to anger, **and plenteous in mercy.**

Psalm 103:6-8

The Lord is not only merciful but he is full (plenteous) of it.

Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say,

Praise the Lord of hosts: for **the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever:** and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:10-11

The Lord God by his mercy do great things to his creation.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for **I am merciful, saith the Lord,** and I will not keep anger for ever.

Jeremiah 3:12

By God's mercies he forgives the penitent in heart.

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Pot'-i-phar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard an Egyptian, bought him of the

hands of the Ish'-mae-lites, which had brought him down thither.

And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat.

And Joseph was a goodly person, and well-favoured.

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

There is none greater in this house, than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her to lie by her, or to be with her.

And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto

him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

But the **LORD was with Joseph, and** showed him mercy, and **gave him favour** in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

Genesis 39

From that scripture we get to learn that one need to have God to be getting his mercy and favour and another aspect is that one need to be faithful to God by living a righteous life as Joseph did.

Because of Joseph's exemplary lifestyle he became first an overseer in his master's house then in prison and finally got promoted by God in a big way and became in the level of a prime minister in that foreign land. My God is great, very great indeed.

Chapter 8

God's compassion

The God of Israel surely has compassion on people proving to all and sundry that he is a God of compassion and that too is also a sign of the goodness of God. We are living at a time that many people are beginning to behave as crooks and brutes and it is good news that we have one who is compassionate, kind and gentle in the personality of God. It is time once again to refer to our treasured book which is the Holy Bible.

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their sorrows;

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Hittites, and the

Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites,
and the Jebusites.

Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children
of Israel is come unto me: and I have also
seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians
oppress them.

Come now therefore and I will send thee unto
Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my
people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exodus 3:1-10

God had compassion on his people the
children of Israel and that is why he decided
to deliver them from their taskmasters who
were oppressing them. If he were not
compassionate he would have not taken that
position at all.

AND it shall come to pass, when all these
things are come upon thee, the blessing and
the curse, which I have set before thee, and
thou shalt call them to mind among all the
nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven
thee,

**And shalt return unto the Lord thy God,
and shalt obey his voice according to all
that I command thee this day, thou and thy
children, with all thine heart, and with all
thy soul;**

**That then the Lord thy God will turn thy
captivity, and have compassion upon thee,
and will return and gather thee from all the
nations,** whither the Lord thy God hath
scattered thee.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

The Lord God by his compassion he is ready
to remove one from an awkward situation if
one is ready to return back to the Lord
wholeheartedly in total obedience to him.
Now that principle is universal and applies
not only to the Jews but to the Greeks and the
Gentiles alike.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not
consumed, because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning: great is thy
faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The Lord's compassion is unfathomable.

And **Jesus went about all the cities and villages**, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But **when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:35-36

Jesus Christ had compassion on the people as he was the Son of God and confirmed the saying, 'Like father, like son'.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek thee.

And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Mark 1:35-41

Jesus' public ministry was spectacular to the glory of God the Father.

For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? **God** forbid.

For he saith to Moses, **I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 9:9-16

Compassion is in God's discretion and not on any other.

And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

And, behold, two blind, men sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Matthew 20:29-34

The two blind men were most likely too excited to think of going elsewhere but only to follow Jesus who had compassion on them and healed them. They must have realized that here was one more than ‘father Christmas’.

Chapter 9

God's provision

Jehovah God is a God of provisions as he provides virtually everything to his creation and beginning with air for one to breathe.

Many people do boast of what they have and some go to the extent of saying that they acquired them from their labour and sweat. But many are not aware that is all because of God's goodness. People need to thank God for what they have than be busy boasting around (Deuteronomy 8:10-20, 1 Corinthians 4:1-7).

Who provideth for the raven his food? When his young ones cry unto God, they wonder for lack of meat.

Job 38:41

The above question is God's home work to the boastful who are on the face of the earth.

AND Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew, nor rain these years, but according to my word.

And the word of the Lord came unto him saying,

Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook cherith, that is before Jordan.

And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook of cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass while that the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which

**belongeth to Zidon and dwell there: behold
I have commanded a widow woman there
to sustain thee.**

So he arose and went to Zarephath and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said Fetch me, I pray thee a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it he called to her, and said, Bring me I pray thee a morsel of bread in thine hand.

And she said, as the Lord thy God liveth I have not a cake, but a handful of meat in a barrel and a little oil in a cruse: and behold I am gathering two sticks that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat and die.

And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as though hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first and bring it unto me, and after make these and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel. The barrel of meat shall not waste, neither shall the cruise of oil fail,

until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

And she went and did according to the word of Elijah: and she and he and her house, did eat many days.

And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:1-16

In the above scripture we do see God who provides to all his creations providing to his servant the prophet Elijah food and drink in a mysterious way to sustain his life which was in danger. We can see that the omniscient God knew everything in advance and set the stage for daily provision to his servant. What is recorded above is what is called living by the hand of the Lord. If you are truly God's servant and is serving him faithfully, do not be afraid in life as the God of Israel, the only true God will provide for you and you will not die out of thirst or hunger. Just have faith in God trusting him to do the needful. We do see

how he commanded the ravens and the widow woman to provide to his servant. The woman would have answered the prophet by saying that he was now being unfair by asking to be given a morsel of bread.

But she didn't because God was busy working behind the scenes. Many of us when in dire need just lack faith in God and fear for our lives unnecessarily.

We need just to live righteously and trusting and expecting from God and he will provide for us (Matthew 6:25-34). Let us now look at what happened to another faithful servant of God and what he had to say to the church.

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. A'-men.

Philippians 4:15-20

God is our provider and provides to those in need in a way he himself only knows. He has the power to do so by either sending you where to get help or by commanding someone to come to you to provide for you. My God is very, very rich because heaven and earth and all that is the rein belongs to him (Psalm 24:1; 50:7-12). If you thought you were rich then God is more.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 136:1, 23-25

My God is merciful and shall provide to us.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of **your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Matthew 5:43-45

As I said earlier, God provides to all of us even the basic things as the sun and the rain and everything else as he is the Creator and therefore the source of all things (resources).

AND Ahab told Jez'-e-bel all that E-li'-jah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

Then Jez'-e-bel sent a messenger unto E-li'-jah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-she'-ba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

1 Kings 19:1-6

Now in the above scripture and as I said earlier (1 Kings 17:1-16) the prophet Elijah's life was in danger and that is why God instructed him to move out and then provided for him. In the above case God did not send him where to get help but rather sent an angel to fend for him. The prophet had a wonderful meal and drink more than one can get from a five star hotel, why? Because the prophet as God's true servant was a VIP to him. The prophet had slain the false prophets (prophets of Baal) who the king accommodated and who were bringing confusion on the people by telling them lies and they had to be done with for the people to listen from the voice of

God by his true servant (1 Kings 18). For further reading you can read some other scriptures as follows: Numbers 11:1-33; 20:1-11, 2 Kings 3:1-20; 7:1-16, Genesis 22:1-14, Matthew 14:13-21; 15:29-39, Revelation 12:1-6).

Chapter 10

God's Protection

We are living at a time when the world has become quite unsafe with the advent of modern weaponry and so on. We also have heard of presidents being killed at their places of residence yet they are heavily guarded and also banks are raided and robbers run away with unimaginably large sums of money yet the banks are heavily guarded.

It follows therefore that only God's protection is the best option as it is infallible. You and I need God's protection so badly not from the many dangers around us but also from such other factors like illnesses and diseases (Exodus 15:26) if we are diligently listening and doing God's will in life.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:4-6

Only the Lord God is able to keep you safely from any harm. Let us look further what the psalmist had to say moved by God's spirit.

EXCEPTT the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: **except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.**

Psalm 127:1

The above scripture confirms what I had just said in introducing this chapter. God can never go wrong and fail in providing his protection save on specific circumstances when we are on the wrong side of God. For a detailed reading you can read my book entitled 'A Christian and Divine Protection'. Please do note that you have to be on God's side in order to get his protection. Now read this.

**If it had not been the LORD who was on
our side, now may Israel say;**

**If it had not been the LORD who was on
our side, when men rose up against us:**

**Then they had swallowed us up quick,
when their wrath was kindled against us:**

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the
stream had gone over our soul:

Then the proud waters had gone over our
soul.

Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us
as a prey to their teeth.

Our souls is escaped as a bird out of the snare
of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are
escaped.

Psalm 124:1-7

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and
went toward Haran,

And he lighted upon a certain place, and
tarried there all night, because the sun was
set; and he took of the stones of that place,

and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob as we read above did not sleep in a lodging but in some bush for he lay down and put a stone as his pillows and slept. God was

providing protection to him and appeared to him.

Jacob went to ask more of God's protection by way of a vow as he knew God's protection was the best.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil before thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Psalms 91:1-10

We have to go to God for our protection otherwise we are not safe at all. For further reading you can read the following scriptures: Exodus 14; 12:21-23, Psalms 34:1-7; 59:1-2, Revelation 3:7-10).

Chapter 11

God's gifts

Now coming to the gifts of God I need to mention from the outset that they are majoring on the spiritual as I am going to present them to you very shortly

And I say unto you, ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer a scorpion?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your **heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

Luke 11:9-13

As I said, men are fond of giving material (physical) gifts as it is what they have: But God who is a Spirit gives to his children spiritual gifts.

For I say, though the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gift differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that

ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy,
with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

From that scripture we can see spiritual gifts
that the Lord gives to the body of Christ, that
is, the Church.

NOW concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I
would not have you ignorant.

Ye know that ye were Gentiles carried away
unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no
man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth
Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that
Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the
same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations,
but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations, but it
is the same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to
every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

For further reading you can also read
Ephesians 4:1-13.

Chapter 12

God's righteousness

The Lord God is both righteous and just and that is part of his nature and shows the goodness of God.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.**

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

God's justice and righteousness is evident to all both in heaven and on earth.

O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day:

behold, we are before thee in our trespasses:
for we cannot stand before thee because of
this.

Ezra 9:15

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let
the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and judgement are the
habitation of his throne.

Psalm 97:1-2

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are
thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded
are righteous and very faithful.

Psalm 119:137-138

And the men rose up from thence, and looked
toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them
to bring them on the way.

And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham
that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham
shall surely become a great and mighty

nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Go-mor-'rah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: with thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

That be far from thee to do after this manner,
to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that
the righteous should be as the wicked, that be
far from thee: **Shall not the judge of all the
earth do right?**

And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty
righteous within the city, then I will spare all
the place for their sakes.

And Abraham answered and said, Behold
now, I have taken up on me to speak unto the
Lord, which am but dust and ashes:
Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty
righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for
lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty
and five, I will not destroy it.

And he spake unto him yet again, and said,
Peradventure there shall be forty found there.
And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

And he said unto him, Oh, let not the Lord be
angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there
shall thirty be found there.

And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty
there.

And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Genesis 18:16-33

God is really righteous. That in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah if he could find even only ten righteous people, he could not destroy the cities for the sake of the ten righteous!

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Psalms 145:17

According to thy name, **O God**, so is thy
praise unto the ends of the earth: **thy right
hand is full of righteousness.**

Psalm 48:10

The Lord God is full of righteousness and
there is not even a trace of wickedness in him
as he is the holy One of Israel and is beyond
man's comprehension (Isaiah 6:1-3,
Revelation 4:1-8).

Chapter 13

God's forbearance

The most High God, the Holy One of Israel is so patient with all of us and that is why you and I is still alive for a purpose. In many instances he does not do a thing but gives us more time so that we can amend our ways and live right before him. Now the following are some of the scriptures touching on God's forbearance (long- suffering).

The Lord is long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and **have tempted me now these ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

But my servant, Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Numbers 14:18-24

In the above scripture we do see Moses the servant of God interceding for the children of Israel who had disobeyed God provoking him on many occasions and God was not amused. The children kept on sinning against God yet they had seen his glory on so many occasions but all this time God was good to them being patient hoping they would change in heart, but

they did not. It reached a point that now God had decided that they will not see that promised land save for Caleb who he said had another spirit in him and had followed him fully. Looks like all those men had the spirit of disobedience and rebellion unlike Caleb who had the spirit of God, the Holy Spirit who enabled him to have faith in God and to obey him. My fellow men and women, we must see to it that we have that other spirit which was in Caleb and if not, we are doomed and our future is quite gloomy.

THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished:

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of the ungodly men.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:1-9

Apostle Peter in his epistle to the church in remembering the word of the Lord put it clearly God's forbearance and the reason thereof. All of us are expected to have a new heart in the fear of the Lord by repentance and the turning away from sin. God is not mincing his words on repentance.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed anything seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

And hath made of one blood of all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

For in him we live, and move, and have our being, as certain also of your own poets have said, Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:24-31

While Apostle Paul was in Athens he addressed them after seeing an altar inscribed TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. So he went ahead to tell them about the true God who dwells not in temples (as we know those that have repented of their sins to God and have put their faith in Christ Jesus God dwells in

them by the Holy Spirit - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

He went on to tell them to do away with their superstition and idolatry and to repent. Now the repentance apostle Paul was talking about was not only to the Athenians; but to all people of the world and that is why the scripture says God commands all men everywhere to repent or else they are going to be judged.

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same thing.

But we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgement of God?

**Or despises thou the riches of his goodness
and forbearance and long suffering; not
knowing that the goodness of God leadeth
thee to repentance?**

Romans 2:1-4

God's patience is for us to take the earliest opportunity to repent. But if we continue to procrastinate over the matter, we are only complicating things and endangering our lives as we can be judged at any time, even before the big day (the day of judgement to come).

Chapter 14

God's impartiality

When it comes to impartiality, we do find that God is quite impartial in his dealings with mankind as he does not have respect for persons and therefore, he is most fair with all people and he is quite different from we people who often are found to be partial in life. The scripture does tell it all.

For **the LORD** your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which **regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:**

He doth execute the judgement of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

He is thy praise, and he is thy God that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

Thy fathers went down into Egypt with three score and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Deuteronomy 10:17-22

The Lord God in talking to the Israelites told them to change their behaviour and do as he does to all people to be impartial in handling people be they orphans or widows or strangers in a foreign land in Egypt but the Lord their God treated them well unlike the Egyptians who badly mistreated them. He further emphasized to them that they are to fear, serve and cleave unto him and swear by his name. But many of us only serve the interests of men and respecting them and not God yet they are mere mortal and not as God who is God of gods and Lord of lords, mighty and terrible and does not take rewards (bribes) which many of us who happen not to

know him personally as Lord and Saviour are fond of and have made it as part of our normal life! A big shame indeed before the holy One of Israel who is to judge all mankind in complete righteousness as he is a just God.

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath upon thee from the Lord.

Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and went out again through the people from Beer-she'-ba to mount E'-phra-im, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers. And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgement.

Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

2 Chronicles 19:1-7

King Jehoshaphat although erred at some point, yet he had done some good things in his life of which Jehu mentioned as he was reproving him of some act. And what we see is that the king was reformed going by his most powerful words which he uttered when addressing the judges that he had appointed. He told them to fear the Lord who they were to serve and not to serve men as with God there is no iniquity with him as he respects no person and does not take gifts (bribes) and that in their judgement they are not alone as God is there too (as a God of justice) to see if at all they are just in executing judgement to the people. No wonder God was on his side

when he was invaded by his enemies who God fought for him. Why? Because he had truly reformed and was telling the truth and was once again in good standing with the Lord (2 Chronicles 20:1-29).

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

And if ye call on the **Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work**, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

1 Peter 1:13-17

Apostle Peter in addressing the church reminded her to always fear God and not men and to serve people impartially as God expects nothing short of that.

Many people fear men than God and end up being partial messing up their lives but not the apostles (Acts 4:1-20; 5:12-39). It is time folks that we all sober up and live to please God and not mortal men in order to be right with God and benefit in the end (Luke 12:2-9).

For further reading on this subject you can read the following scriptures: Acts 10:25-35, Romans 2:1-11, Job 34:12-19, Acts 15:1-11, Jeremiah 9:23-24, James 2:1-13).

Chapter 15

God's preservation

God the Creator is good and can preserve life and there is no any other like him. So, if you want your life to be preserved, I advise you to run to God. But one thing one need to do as well is to obey God.

And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers.

To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath spoken.

And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

Then thou shalt say unto thy son, we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

And the Lord shewed signs and wonders,
great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh,
and upon all his household, before our eyes:
And he brought us out from thence, that he
might bring us in, to give us the land which he
swore unto our fathers.

**And the Lord commanded us to do all these
statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for
our good always, that he might preserve us
alive, as it is this day.**

Deuteronomy 6:18-24

The message above is quite clear to all of us
as there is no ambiguity in it when God was
speaking to the children of Israel and by
extension you and I whom he also created.

**O Love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the
Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully
rewardeth the proud doer.**

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen
your heart all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalms 31:23-24

**Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell
for evermore**

**For the LORD loveth, judgement, and
forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved
for ever:** but the seed of the wicked shall be
cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell
therein for ever.

Psalm 37:27-29

**The LORD shall preserve thee from all
evil: he shall preserve thy soul.**

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and
thy coming in from this time forth, and even
for evermore.

Psalm 121:7-8

For **the LORD** giveth wisdom: out of his
mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous:
he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
**He keepeth the paths of judgement, and
preserveth the way of his saints.**

Proverbs 2:6-8

In all the above the condition for one's life to be preserved is that you must be born again and walking uprightly.

AND after this is came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Metheg-ammah out of the land of the Philistines.

And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

And David took from him a thousand chariots, and even seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. **And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.**

2 Samuel 8:1-6

God preserved the life of David as he lived life pleasing to the Lord.

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

And the LORD shall never sever between the cattle of Israel and of the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is of the children of Israel.

And the LORD appointed set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Exodus 9:1-6

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire that ran along the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Exodus 9:22-26

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Exodus 10:21-23

And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

And there shall be a great cry throughout the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Exodus 11:4-7

And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be.

And the LORD did so; and there came grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

Exodus 8:20-24

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

And he delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

The LORD knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished:

2 Peter 2:5-9

You can see clearly how God preserved the children of Israel and Job in a wonderful way. For further reading you can read the book of Daniel and Deuteronomy (Daniel 3 and 6, Deuteronomy 8:1-10).

Chapter 16

God's forgiveness

God because of love, grace and mercy he is equally good as he forgives sin (Matthew 11:28-30) which is very good indeed as sin is a burden for the soul and which can only be removed if one repents of sin asking God for forgiveness and God grants it and one then has a rest in one's soul.

But there is a condition for one to be forgiven sin and which is, one also needs to forgive those who have offended him or her in order God too to forgive him or her (Matthew 6:14-15).

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Confession of sin is a must for one to be forgiven one's sins as God is faithful in his word.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:7

One can return to the Lord by turning away from sin after confessing it to him.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, **O Lord**, who shall stand?

But **there is forgiven with thee**, that thou mayest be feared.

Psalms 130:4

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not
all his benefits:**

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who
healeth all thy diseases;

Psalm 103:1-3

It is very good of God to be forgiving people
for their sins as it is beneficial to one who has
been so forgiven (Psalm 32:1-2).

Who is a God like unto thee, that **pardoneth
iniquity**, and passeth by the transgression of
the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not
his anger for ever, **because he delighteth in
mercy.**

He will turn again, he will have compassion
upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and
**thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths
of the sea.**

Micah 7:18-19

To the Lord our God **Belong mercies and
forgivenesses,** though we have rebelled
against him.

Daniel 9:9

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: **O bring thou me out of my distresses.**

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and **forgive all my sins.**

Psalms 25:17-18

I, even I, **am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for** mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Isaiah 43:25

God is so gracious to us in that he not only blots out our transgressions but remembers them not. God is quite the opposite of men and women who claim to have forgiven one sin but will keep on remembering the sin and one will be surprised that even after a very long time like say five years, ten years or even more reminding one that he or she sinned against him or her mentioning that very old sin one committed! I tell you folks men and

women are super hypocrites (a majority of them).

The Lord Jesus Christ knew it and told his disciple that he has to give one who has wronged him as many times as the one asks for forgiveness. He knew men and women have a problem in forgiving and even in forgetting the sins so committed and which is dangerous (Matthew 18:21-35). But God is ready to forgive the penitent.

If God did not be forgiving people their sins all would be not only overburdened by sin in their souls but also would perish eternally. So you and I need to thank the Lord for his goodness in forgiving sins because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for sins committed by mankind.

Chapter 17

God's promises

Now what is quite evident is that when we open the Holy Bible, we do find that it is full of promises by God from the Old Testament to the New Testament. If one looks at the promises one will be surprised to find that they are big promises. This chapter of the book is not meant to show all those promises but just some of them as enumerated below and which prove to be infallible in nature save for those that were conditional and things did not remain constant but was divergent on the part of the human factor and not on God factor, as God by his nature is ever faithful.

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven,

And he stood, and blessed all the
congregation of Israel with a loud voice,
saying,

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto
his people Israel, according to all that he
promised: **there hath not failed one word of
all his good promises by the hand of Moses
his servant**

1 Kings 8:54-56

The scriptures above is quite clear - that all
that God promised Moses to do to his people
Israel, he brought them to come to pass. Now
that to me is real faithfulness on God's part.
We can therefore say without an iota of doubt
that God is more than able to fulfil his
promises.

But as God is true, our word toward you was
not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was
preached among you by us, even by me and
Sylvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay,
but in him was yea.

For **all the promises of God** in him **are yea**,
and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by
us.

2 Corinthians 1:18-20

I have not written unto you because ye know
not the truth, but because ye know it, and that
no lie is of the truth.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is
the Christ?

He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and
the Son.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not
the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the
Son hath the Father also.

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have
heard from the beginning. **If that which ye
have heard from the begging shall remain
in you, ye also shall continue in the Son,
and in the Father.**

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1 John 2:21-25

Now as usual in all other texts in this book, the words in bold are key factors in all the Bible quotations and in this scripture it is the same- as we can see, it is a conditional promise but as for God he is true to his word so the ball is in the court of the one who is promised and not on the one who has promised who as we know is ever faithful.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

The scripture says God is faithful and will do what he has promised to see that one's temptation is common and there is a way of escape. So if one falls (succumbs) to a

temptation the fault is not of God but of the one who has been tempted.

But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, **if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.**

Deuteronomy 4:29

The above promise too is conditional on our part and not on God's part. It is equally the same with the following as well.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Now the above scripture many have quoted it when calamity strikes their nation or say their family but one thing which most of them are not keen on are the many conditions attached to it failure of any which can result in

doubting God at the promise which might not be fully fulfilled as is expected.

For further reading you can read the following scriptures: Psalms 30:1-5; 34:17-19, John 1:6-13; 3:16, John 14:1-3, Isaiah 43:1-3, Joel 2:12-13, Micah 7:18-20, Luke 1:1-25, 2 Peter 1:1-8).

Chapter 18

God's strength

God's strength gives us the assurance that he can do for us even the impossible things in our eyes. God is omnipotent in nature which is good for us who are mortal and lack the capability to do all things on our own save for God's help. God says in his scripture that there is nothing impossible with him and it is the plain truth (Genesis 18:1-14, Luke 1:26-37).

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast made a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

For though thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress,

a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Isaiah 25:1-4

Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JE-HO'-VAH is everlasting strength.

For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

Isaiah 26:4-5

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

God is my strength and power; and he maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and **thy gentleness hath made me great.**

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them, and turned not again until I had consumed them.

And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

For **thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.**

2 Samuel 22:31-40

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, **the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?** There is no searching of his understanding.

**He giveth power to the faint; and to them
that have no might he increaseth strength.**

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and
the young men shall utterly fall:

But **they that wait upon the LORD shall
renew their strength;** they shall mount up
with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not
be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard
the voice of my supplications.

The LORD is my strength and my shield:
my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
therefore my heart greatly rejoiced; and with
my song will I praise him.

Psalm 28:6-7

Wherefore I desire that he faint not at my
tribulations for you, which is your glory.

For this cause I bow my knees unto **the
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

That he **would grant you**, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

Ephesians 3:13-16

The strength and power of God to his own; can be both physical and also spiritual as well.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Psalms 84:5

The question I ask you politely is where is your strength, is it in you or in God? For further reading you can read the following: Exodus 14:1-15: 1-13, Isaiah 41:8-16, Psalms 46:1-3; 73:25-26; 81:1-3.

Chapter 19

God's guidance

There is not even a single person on earth who is able to guide one than God the Creator Himself. He is our perfect guide in life.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

Let mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgements.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers there of.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this **God is our** God forever and ever: he will be our **guide even unto death.**

Psalm 48:11-14

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon the earth that I desire beside thee.

Psalm 73:24-25

For unto us a child is born, unto us **a son is given:** and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful **Counsellor**, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

The prophet Isaiah prophesied the birth of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ who actually did come at the appointed time and that one of

his name would be called Counsellor. So now all those who have him as their Lord and Saviour they truly have the best counsellor ever who can guide them in life on the earth and lead them finally into the kingdom of his Father in heaven at the rapture of the holy Church (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Philippians 3:20-21).

Good and upright is **the Lord** therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek **will he guide** in judgment: and **the meek** will he teach his way.

Psalm 26:8-9

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he **will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show unto you.

John 16:12-15

Jesus Christ, told his disciples that when the Spirit of truth (God's spirit) comes he will guide them into all truth. As at the time they had not yet received him and that is why Jesus could not tell them much as by their mortal bodies without the Holy Spirit they would not comprehend his sayings. That could be the reason why now and then they could ask Jesus their Lord and Master to tell them (unravel) some of his parables which he was fond of saying especially to the multitude of people who came to listen to his teachings (Matthew 13:34-43).

Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Beware of him, and **obey his voice, provoke him not**; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Exodus 23:20-23

Even the children of Israel needed God's guidance to reach the Promised Land and they were to be guided by an angel of God who they were to obey. The Church of Christ too need to obey him in order to be guided into heaven the place prepared for them (John 14:1-3).

Chapter 20

God's inheritance

The Lord God has an inheritance for his people (those who have repented of their sins and put their faith in Christ Jesus).

That too shows God's goodness in that those need not go to hell to live their eternally but to go to heaven to live with him eternally which is his desire for all mankind (Matthew 25:31-41, John 3:16-18, 1 John 5:11-13, Ezekiel 18:20-23, 31-32, Luke 13:1-5, Romans 3:21-26; 6:23).

LET not your heart be troubled: ye **believe in God, believe also in me.**

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

The requirement for entry into God's inheritance in heaven first and foremost one must be born again (be saved) and salvation comes as a result of one repenting of sins to God and believing in Christ's death and resurrection and inviting him into one's life to be both Lord Saviour (Romans 10:1-13, 17, Acts 2:36-42; 4:10-12; 13:38-39).

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he

condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is by faith.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Therefore sprang there even one and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them,

and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:1-16

God's inheritance needs one's faith in him through and through as the epistle to the Hebrews records. But faith alone is not enough but action as well (James 2:14-24). One need to please God in one's walk with him in life to be found in heaven at the appointed time (Hebrews 11:4-7). It follows therefore that holiness and righteousness is the minimum requirement in entry into heaven (Hebrews 12:14, Revelation 19:1-8). Many people have either forgotten or ignored

altogether the holiness of God and therefore have only a one-sided view of him. But the truth of the matter is that God's nature is not just love alone but holiness as well. God is very holy as we are going to see from the Scripture and therefore God cannot compromise his holiness whatsoever and is not going to be good forever on the impenitent. On the same note he is not going to live with sinners in his kingdom in heaven as the standard of living there is holiness and righteousness and that is why Lucifer and all the angels that sided with him were cast out of heaven when they rebelled and nothing unclean will enter heaven even in the future (Revelation 12:7-9, 2 Peter 2:4-10, Jude 1-7, Revelation 21: 9-27).

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and

with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.**

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; Send me.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and ye see indeed, but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.

And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Isaiah 6:1-13

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow roundabout the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

And roundabout the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the

throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each one of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:1-11

From the above two scriptures we do see quite clearly the holiness of God and that he is so holy and for one to enter heaven one must be holy. We can see that even Isaiah had to be cleansed before he could serve God so are the creatures in heaven who are holy and worship the Lord God day and night and praise his holiness. To serve God and to live with him requires holiness which comes as a result of one being sanctified and set apart for him and separated from sin.

One need not take for granted God's goodness but need to grab it as an opportunity to draw closer to God in repentance and accepting his salvation which is in Christ Jesus while the grace is still there (2 Corinthians 6:1-2) before it is too late (Genesis 6 & 7; 19: 1-29). During the dispensation of the Old Testament it was a period of the Law but now in this dispensation of the New Testament we are living in the Church age and is a period of grace and very soon immediately after the Church's rapture

into heaven which ushers in God's wrath for 7 years followed by Christ's Millennium rule in Jerusalem then followed by God's final judgement which ushers in eternity in heaven for the holy saints and in hell for the rest. So now is a time for one to choose either heaven or hell for eternity and is not a time to procrastinate over the matter (Joshua 24:1-15, 1 Kings 18: 17-21, Hebrews 4:1-11). Be sure that God is not going to live with sinners in his kingdom in heaven as he is holy just as light and darkness or day and night cannot co-exist together. You can see for yourself that even at creation God separated light from darkness (Genesis 1:1-5) and he cannot change his principle now to anybody as he never changes (Hebrews 13:8). It is a high time for each one of us to choose Christ and devote our lives to him. Unfortunately many are still stuck in religion and think they are right with God – no. Religion only helps to point people to Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:22-24) who one needs to run to for salvation (John

3:16-17) and to be put right with God by being reconciled to him (Romans 1:15-17; 3:21-26) so that one is enabled to begin to live righteously (Titus2:11-14) and later to inherit the kingdom of God in heaven (Reveltion19:1-9). From all the foregoing it follows therefore that God is truly good to mankind going by what the Scripture says and which we continue to experience daily in life. May all the glory, honour, power and majesty be to him now and for ever and ever, Amen.

At this juncture let me bring some correction on the many who have been led to believe half-truths by the devil and go on with the following slogan 'God is good all the time, and all the time God is good and that is his nature'. To such they need to sober up to the fact that God does not condone sin and at some point he will for sure judge sin and meanwhile he is only patient waiting for people to repent of sin and come out of it and to begin to live right (Luke 13:1-5, Acts 17:30-31, Romans 1: 18-32, 2 Peter 3:1-18). It

is true that God is love but he will have no alternative on those who live in sin but to cast them in the lake of fire in hell as they chose that sinful and deadly life instead of choosing God's way which is righteousness (Matthew 7:13-14;21-27,25:14-30,Deuteronomy 30: 19-20, Revelation 20: 11-15).

Notes to the reader

I take this very opportunity to thank you for reading this book. If you had not yet surrendered your life to Jesus Christ by today, I do advise you to do so now before the door is closed on you by repeating this prayer putting your faith in God ‘Lord Jesus, I come before you today as a sinner and ask you to forgive me for taking your grace for granted and refusing to give my life to you to save me. I believe you died for my sins and rose again on the third day. Please come into my heart and save me. I ask all this in your holy name, Amen’.

If you have said that prayer with sincerity of heart then know you are saved. Now join a Bible preaching and teaching church and be baptised in much water and prayed for by the pastor to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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The Goodness of God

‘It is extraordinarily wonderful’

(Psalms 31:19)

If you keenly look at your life you will come to appreciate how God is good to you on a daily basis and bearing in mind too that it is all for free.

By reading this book you will be shocked. If at all you are not shocked, then nothing will shock you as your life is numb from the realities of life and that is the saddest thing in life.

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